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FROM PAGANELLI EMBASSY DOHA

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR QA BA

SUBJ: QATAR/BAHRAIN RELATIONS

1. DURING OCT 23 CONVERSATION WITH THE AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, I ASKED HIM ABOUT REPORT THAT HE WOULD VISIT BAHRAIN IN NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY ON HIS WAY BACK FROM ARAB SUMMIT. KHALIFA REPLIED THAT HE PREPARED TO VISIT BAHRAIN AT ANY TIME, BUT IT APPEARED GOB WISHED TO WAIT UNTIL TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN COUNTRIES SETTLED. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, KHALIFA SAID NEGOTIATIONS ON DISPUTE WERE IN PROGRESS AND HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THERE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. ANOTHER SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT IT APPEARS THE GOQ IS PREPARED TO DROP ITS CLAIM TO HWAR ISLAND, AND THAT THIS WAS WORKED OUT WHEN KHALIFA MET WITH SHAYKH ISSA IN LONDON IN AUGUST. SAME SOURCE STATED SHAYKH ISSA WOULD VISIT QATAR AFTER  
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DISPUTE FORMALLY SETTLED. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND SAUDIS HAVE BEEN

PLAYING MEDIATOR ROLE.

3. COMMENT: OPTIMISM RE GOB/GOQ TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT AND  
OCT 24-25 VISIT OF UAE'S SHAYKH ZAYID IN QATAR (SEPTTEL)  
APPARENTLY MANIFESTATIONS OF GULF DETENTE FLOWING FROM SAUDI/  
UAE BORDER AGREEMENT. THESE EVENTS ALSO LEND SOME CREDIBILITY  
TO PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT SUMMIT OF GULF LEADERS BEING PLANNED.  
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